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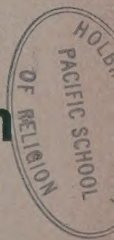
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Endeavorers To Hear Billy Graham

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan Gives Easter Message

For Christ and the Church



Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

We Are Grateful

Thank You!

This expression of gratitude comes from the bottom of the hearts of leaders of International Society for the scores and scores of Endeavorers and friends who cooperated so well in bringing success to the annual Membership Mobilization. This enrollment is vital to the program of Christian Endeavor in reaching Young America.



Dr. Gene Stone

Our hat is off to Harold E. Westerhoff, who directed this effort, and to those who worked beside him.

Leaflet on Evangelism

A new leaflet, "What Is Evangelism?" has been published by International Society. This has been written by Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, chairman of the Committee on Evangelism.

Glad To Know This

The titles and beginning of two editorials which appeared recently in denominational magazines are as follows:

Growth of Christian Endeavor

"The remarkable growth of Christian Endeavor among the General Baptist Churches continues. This indicates the increasing interest of our people in religious education, both for the young people and for others as well."

—GENERAL BAPTIST MESSENGER
February 18, 1954

The Greatest Youth Movement in The World

"A problem that many denominations have to deal with is this: How best tie in our youth with the work of kingdom building? Some have tried various ways of solving the problem, only to give up in despair. A number of prominent groups have thrown in their lot with Christian Endeavor and have not been disappointed. The United Brethren group is one of them."

—THE CHRISTIAN CONSERVATOR
February 24, 1954

Visit Holy Lands

Dr. Clyde Meadows, vice-president of International Society, and his wife, are on a visit to Palestine. March 26 was the departure date by air for the Meadows, who have been given the tour by the congregation of the King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pa., where Dr. Meadows has been

been pastor over 25 years. Mr. and Mrs. Noah Meyers are accompanying the Meadows. Mr. Meyers was a delegate to the World's Convention in London in 1950. The Meadows and the Meyers expect to return by May 1.

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Poling and Carroll M. Wright are the leaders of Christian Herald's Bibleland Tour which left New York March 23.

For Your Information

Mary Louise Bohs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Clifton Bohs, Hicksville, New York, born February 13, is the youngest person to be enrolled in the Membership Mobilization of International Society. Mrs. Bohs is the former Helen Klauder, who was a Christian Endeavor delegate to the World's C.E. Conference at Bournemouth, England, in 1948. Mrs. Bohs is the daughter of Norman Klauder, finance chairman of International Society.

Saul Tijerina, who was the delegate from Mexico to the International Convention in Denver, was married to Lucy Wolfe, November 24. Mr. Tijerina hopes to come to the United States for further study in September. He is preparing for the ministry in the Presbyterian Church.

Wilma Maassen, former president of Iowa Union who has been in India nearly a year, has recently moved from Ranipet, North Arcot District, and is now at the Sherman Girl's High School, Chittoor, Chittoor District, South India. In January Rev. and Mrs. Penn Howard of Alexandria, Virginia, who are on a World Friendship Tour, visited Wilma at the Sherman School.

Rev. Elwood Dunn, vice-president of International Society in charge of the Great Lakes Region, has been elected vice-president in charge of administration for Leadership Training, Inc., Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling was recently elected chairman of the Board of the Golden Rule Foundation. This is a non-sectarian philanthropic organization established in 1929 for the purpose of encouraging people, to practice the Golden Rule in their daily lives.

Rev. James Mather, former president of Ceylon C.E. Union, who attended the Pacific Area Conference in Honolulu and visited a number of Christian Endeavor centers in the United States in 1952, has recently been made Bishop of the Methodist Church on the Island of Ceylon.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

COVER

The Kawaihau Church Choir which will be a musical attraction at the World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D. C. July 24-28, is shown on the steps of their famous church in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Dr. Billy Graham To Preach at World's C.E. Convention

World-famous Evangelist Dr. Billy Graham will speak at the 12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention according to announcement made by Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, general secretary of the world's Union for Area No. 1.

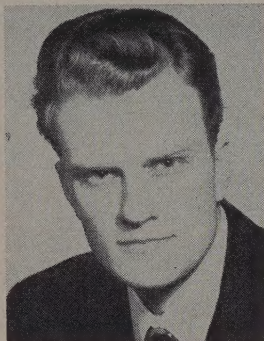
Dr. Graham, who is now conducting an evangelistic campaign in England, will preach at a mass meeting to be held at the Sylvan Theater south of Washington Monument Sunday, July 25 at 3:30 P. M. It will be possible with people standing to accommodate a crowd of more than 40,000.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the world's Union, will preside at the business meetings of the convention and will give the address on the closing night, Wednesday, July 28.

Headquarters in Mayflower Hotel

The opening session will be Saturday July 24, at 7:30 P. M. in the Mayflower Hotel, which will be the headquarters. Reception will be given in the Ninth Street Baptist Church Saturday afternoon for the delegates who will come from many countries.

Sunday, July 25, a communion service will be conducted in Metropolitan Methodist Church, the mass meeting with Dr. Graham will be in the afternoon, and in the evening delegates will meet at Christian Endeavor societies in the nation's Capital. Monday, Tuesday and



Mass Meeting Messenger . .

Wednesday the schedule will include a quiet hour service, general session and conferences in the mornings. Sight-seeing is planned for the afternoons and mass meetings at night.

Wednesday afternoon a trip is arranged to Mount Vernon to visit the home of George Washington and to conduct a service at the Christian Endeavor Tree which was planted in 1896 when a group went there following the First World's Convention held in Boston.

To Honor Citizenship Winners

Winners of the Third Citizenship Award Contest sponsored by International Society will be honored during the convention. The youth to place first will be given the trip to the con-

vention and receive a cash award of \$250.00. Announcement of the winners will be made about May 1.

Among the musical features at the convention will be singing by the Kawaiahao Church Choir of Honolulu, Hawaii. This group sang at the Christian Endeavor Pacific Area Conference in Honolulu in July, 1952, and were at the Convention of the Congregational Church in Claremont, California in June of the same year. Mealii Richardson is president of the choir with William Donlin, vice-president, and Mrs. Ululani Judd, corresponding secretary. A pre-convention concert will be given in the grand ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel Friday, July 23, by the choir.

A committee in Washington headed by Merritt L. Smith is taking care of local arrangements.

Plans have been made for an International Society Fellowship Tour following the gathering in Washington. Traveling by deluxe motor coach this party will spend ten nights and eleven days visiting in the northeastern states. The cost of this all-expense, personally-conducted tour will be \$195.00. For further details write to Harold E. Westerhoff, Manager, Travel Department, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan Says -

You're Invited!

North America is privileged this year to entertain a world's Christian Endeavor convention. This is the first world's convention on American soil in more than thirty years. World conventions are held only once in four years and the locations are chosen so that various countries and areas have an opportunity to play host.

Opportunity Of A Lifetime

It may be another thirty years before the next world gathering of this kind comes to America. Invitations for the 1958 convention have been received from Australia and India.

For most of us, the world's convention in Washington, D. C. next July 24-28 will, therefore, be the opportunity of a lifetime. The year 1954 will always stand out as a significant time if we take advantage of this chance to take part in a world gathering of Christian Endeavorers and friends of the movement.

There will be an opportunity to share in this vital meeting, even for those who are unable to attend. All can register whether they attend or not. Those who register will receive the beautiful and distinctive badge which is being made in England, the large souvenir program, the convention songbook, and possibly some other mementoes. They will have also the satisfaction of aiding and participating in this event of world-wide importance. Everyone is urged to register and all who can are urged to attend.

Interchange Of Ideas

Beyond the attractions of a strong program that has been planned, there will be the rich opportunities for Christian fellowship, the comradeship which goes with Christian Endeavor world conventions, the interchange of ideas among people of varied backgrounds and experiences, and the inspiration which comes from being a part of a great movement serving globally "for Christ and the Church." It's something we cannot afford to miss!

Great Was The Celebration!

Marvelous fellowship and extensive witnessing marked the celebration of the 73rd anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor the week of January 31—February 7.

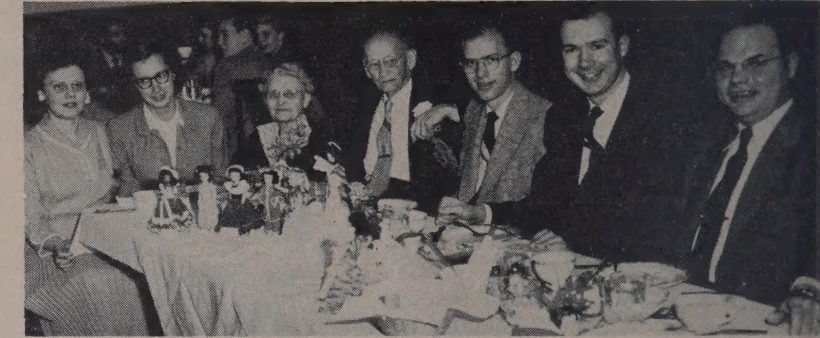
Many stories of the usual activities and unusual ones have been pouring into headquarters of the International Society at Columbus.

Advertising-wise beside the one thousand posters displayed across the United States and Canada many store windows were decorated and scores of radio and television programs were conducted according to reports.

In Kalamazoo, Michigan, Mayor Glenn S. Allen signed a proclamation for Christian Endeavor Week. Officers of the union were present when the proclamation petition was introduced by Paul J. Schrier, a former Christian Endeavorer. A high point of the week was Sunday evening, February 7, when the annual quartet sing was held in Bethany Church, Kalamazoo. Joyce Weessies, corresponding secretary of the union, read the Christian Endeavor pledge as a part of the evening service broadcast at Fourth Reformed Church, Station WKMI.

C. E. "King and Queen"

Ann Doele and Calvin Bowman were crowned "king" and "queen" in a contest conducted by the Caledonia (Michigan) United Brethren Christian Endeavor Society during Christian Endeavor Week. Rev. Alice A. Griffin,



Sangamon County (Illinois) Union staged its anniversary banquet at the Springfield Methodist Church. Those at the head table are (left to right) Virginia Hayes, president; Betty Lounsberry, banquet chairman; Mrs. George Wright; George Wright, speaker; Charles Clark, honorary vice-president; Fred Giles, toastmaster and faculty member, University of Illinois; Ernest Hayes, state president.

pastor, made presentations to the winners.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Taylor, returned missionaries from China and India, spoke at the anniversary banquet of Frederick County (Maryland) Union held at Adamstown February 2. Edwin Freed served as toastmaster.

Rev. Carl Clarke, pastor of Kaimuki Christian Church, addressed the anniversary rally at the Kawaiahao Church in Honolulu. An annual feature was the cake baking contest with the theme for the week, "So Send I You," placed with many varying designs on cakes.

Cookies were served at the Chesapeake Church of Christ, Des Moines, Iowa, in memory of Mrs. Francis Clark following a prayer meeting January 3. The pastor, Rev. W. C. Clark, preached on the subjects "Fellowship With Christ" and "So Send I You."

Arch J. McQuilkin, former vice-president of International Society, toastmaster and speaker at the Baltimore City banquet in Arlington Presbyterian Church.

Via Radio and Television

Among many radio and television programs presented reports have come of the following:

Franklin County (Maryland) Station WFMD February 1, Rev. Clarence Gaha in charge. Carroll County (Maryland) Station WTRR February 7. Harrisburg (Pennsylvania) Station WOPR January 30. Carlisle (Pennsylvania) Station WHYL January 31. Schuylkill County (Pennsylvania) Station WPHM January 31, with Rev. Gillard Evans in charge. Luzerne County (Pennsylvania) Station WBRE February 7. Conowingo (Pennsylvania) Station WJLA February 7. Uniontown (Pennsylvania) Station WMBS February 7.

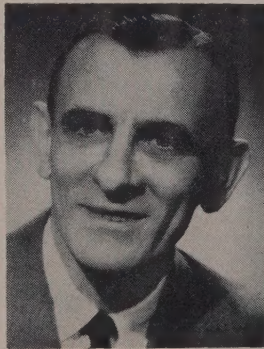
The radio skit "This One Commandment" was presented on Station WGAC Gettysburg (Pennsylvania) with Marvin Myers in charge and over Station WRAW, Reading (Pennsylvania) February 4.

David Roland, vice-president of Berks County (Pennsylvania) Union, was interviewed on Station WEEU February 1. B. McClain Cochran, field secretary of Pennsylvania Union, and Marvin Wenrick, Dauphin County president (Please turn to Page 18, Col. 3)

JUDGES FOR CITIZENSHIP CONTEST



Dr. R. W. Rash



Hon. M. E. Sensenbrenner



Dr. Raymond M. Veh

Members of the Board of Judges to select the winners in Christian Endeavor's annual competition have been announced as follows: Dr. R. W. Rash, of Huntington, Indiana, general secretary of Christian Education of the United Brethren in Christ; Honorable Maynard E. Sensenbrenner, new mayor of Columbus, Ohio, adult Bible class teacher and elder in Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Raymond M. Veh of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, editor of "Builders" and writer of the Intermediate topics for "The Christian Endeavor World." Announcement of the winners will be made about May 1.



It Was Their Week!

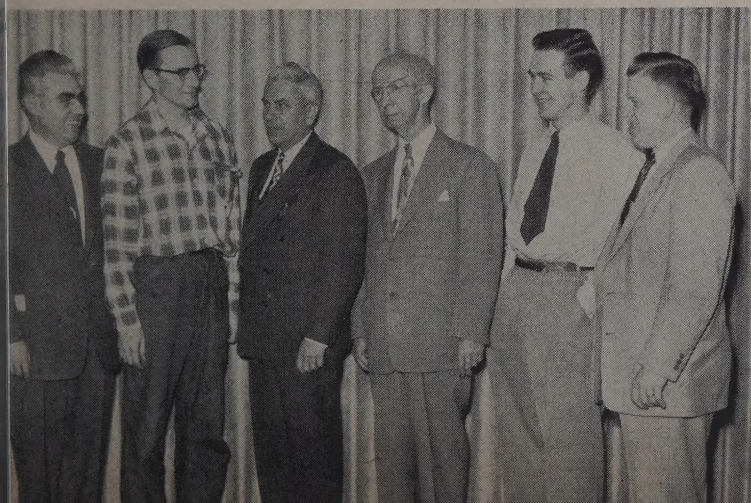
HOOSIERS CELEBRATE (above) — Endeavorers from five counties in Indiana staged a banquet at Huntington College. Dr. R. W. Rash spoke. Stephen Lall, of India; Rev. Solomon Parker and Sylvester Pratt of Sierra Leone, British West Africa, were among those present.

CANVASS TELLS STORY (right) — A banner across one of the main streets of Kalamazoo, Michigan, announces Christian Endeavor Week.

SEEK ENROLLMENT (right) — Busy working on Membership Mobilization during the big week in Washington, D. C., are (clockwise) Lois Imus, Helen Miller, Alden Imus, Elizabeth Ann Imus, and Olinda Dormaier, director for the District.

"HILL-BILLY" INFLUENCE (lower left) — Leaders shown at Somerset (New Jersey) County birthday banquet in Wilson Memorial Church. Watchung, are (left to right) William O. Wirtz, Jr., president, host society; Dr. Samuel S. Haas, state president; Rev. Roland R. Ost, pastor, host church; Dr. Norman W. Paullin, pastor, Baptist Temple, Philadelphia; Dr. Frederick L. Mintel, state executive secretary; F. Roger Crawford, president, Somerset County, and Herbert H. Gilfoy, state field secretary.

HAWAIIANS BAKE CAKES (lower right) — Part of the Christian Endeavor Week activities in Honolulu was a contest in the culinary arts. Judges pondering decision are (left to right) Janet Sunada, Mrs. Melii Kalama, and Walter Nomura.



How Can We Do MORE?

AT one time or another, each and every one of us is likely to ask himself, "Am I accomplishing anything worthwhile?"

The phrasing for such self-examination runs all the way from the scholarly "Whither are we drifting?" to the vernacular of "Time's a-wastin'!"

Properly such questions are applied to the church's mission, the Young Adult's purposes, and your committee's assignments, as well as within the smaller field of personal aims.

Self-examination may be valuable if it leads to action. Compare yourself to the motorist who finds he wandered off Route 19 and now has only a remote idea of where he is and where headed. If he promptly consults the road-map or stops to ask directions at the next farm or service-station, his unintentional detour will have done little harm. If he is unwilling to admit that he is lost his adventures on the back-roads may be almost endless. The thing to do is to take a new look, get a fresh start, in seeking one's destination.

In Christian work this may be done to the tune of 2 Corinthians 7:1, "Having therefore these promises . . .," or of Luke 18:27, quoting Jesus, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Discover Christ's Purposes For Us

In His name, we can do more, if we are truly doing His will. Part of our preparation for Christian work is to discover Christ's purposes for us and for our group. We may come to the conviction that our special mission is with the local and nearby phases of some of the great causes with which Protestant Christians in particular are identified.

Dr. John R. Mott liked to define a *Christian call* as being determined by "a need known and the capacity to meet that need." When we have determined on a cause to be aided, we should pray and plan and prepare for the ability to do good work.

Three general types of service to society are mentioned on this page. There are other causes or programs of great importance, but these three types or social mission are especially significant because Young Adult units can deal with them here and now, wherever you are.

WORLD PEACE is a matter on which every individual and every church group can do something. The sum of these individual and often localized efforts will be tremendous. Where we are, we can exert influence toward changing misunderstanding, unrest and disorder.

These are matters on which a church group may quickly go to work:

1. Improve our international communications.

Larger gifts to missions will help. Direct correspondence with Christians in other continents is significant. Relief for the needy, as in CARE packages, continues to show that the burden of want that we cannot see with our own eyes is on our hearts.

2. Open wider the doors of immigration.

Young Adult groups should study our revised immigration policies, which many sincere Christians believe discriminate tragically against those of some races and nationalities. Our nation cannot accept every person and family abroad that wants to find a home and work in the United States, but it is believed by many that the present barriers are unjust and at odds with the long-time character of our nation as "a haven for the oppressed people" of many lands. Could my grandfather, and yours, have come here to settle under today's Immigration and Nationality Act? We should know the facts, and if we do not like them, we as citizens should make our protests known.

3. Aid the security of free people by means other than exclusively military.

Opportunities are at hand for social, economic, cultural and religious co-operation with peoples who cherish freedom. On local inquiry, you may find that a nearby university would like to exchange more teachers and students with nations over-

seas. You will discover groups and committees in most communities engaged in field of international aid. Learn about these, support them if you can.

4. Improve human rights in our land.

No small part of the suspicion existing between India and other Asiatic nations and the so-called Free West is due to belief that freedom and equality are the possessions of all Americans. Al- every community has its minority who can claim only a sort of second-class citizenship—being restricted in terms of school jobs, place of residence, seeking and holding public office, and other common privileges. We are gaining ground in these matters, but your group will discover weak points in our progress—weak points which not only disturb American solidarity in a local sense but have more far-reaching results around the world than we like to believe. Find the facts and do something to defeat discrimination and injustice!

RELIEF WORK of many types is within the Young Adult group's scope and potential. The social welfare programs of many communities depend largely on workers—leaders of middle age and beyond. Agencies will rejoice in and benefit by volunteered service, close to home, of a greater number of Young Adults than now enlist. Do not feel that "raising budget" for a social agency is always prime concern. Quite likely the local committee for work with the blind or crippled children or with children needing more recreational facilities will tell that the chief need is for more able-bodied loyal volunteers.

Your group can discover where the need is greatest and then supply more workers from your own ranks or from your wider circle of friends.

Young Adult Workshop

by Bert H. Davis

THIS month's "Workshop" is intended to set a rough pattern for discussion, followed by action.

The Young Adult group which wants more facts on important national and international issues, all of which have some local phases or influences, may consult (a) denominational headquarters, (b) local or state councils or federations of churches, (c) social agencies, and (d) educational institutions.

On World Peace and Brotherhood, one of your best contacts might be to enroll your president or advisor in the American Council of the World Alliance for International Friendship Through Religion, 170 East 64th Street, New York 21, New York. An individual membership costs \$2 a year. All members receive 10 times a year "The World Alliance News Letter," which is a brief but informing summary of news and resource helps in this vital field of Christian work.

Letters of inquiry addressed to Young Adult Workshop, in care of THE WORLD, may be utilized in finding sources for information other than those suggested above.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT covers some of the most important close-to-home opportunities for Young Adults to serve.

Many a community should be benefited (but is not, in any significant way) from careful professional survey some time in the past ten years or so, which spurs out problems that community would be facing in the latter 1950's. Local plan was called for in such fields as housing, recreation, law observance, health safety, and public education.

Learn if your community was the ject of such a study. What happened the report? Whose job is it, in any of fields the study covered, to work out carry through plans and programs to changing conditions?

Young Adults are precisely those in expressing Christian brotherliness the Christian concept of "justice to all," should be involved in a local Citizens Committee for Public Schools, or in groups engaged in study and action related housing, public health and recreation.

Let us all do more—in prayer and other practical efforts—to help those need of our aid and encouragement. Service may begin close to home and warm co-operation with one's own church and Young Adult fellowship.



Three Rocks

By Ernest R. Bryan

he Holy Land is rocky country. It is natural for the Psalmist to speak of "a rock that is higher than I"; "a rock of refuge"; and "my rock and my fortress." It was natural also for Jesus to speak of the house that was built upon a rock. He spoke too of His church being built upon the rock of faith and being typified by Peter's positive statement, "You are the Christ, the Son of living God."

I saw many rocks when I visited the Holy Land. Some of them were along the road from Jerusalem down to Jericho. Some of them were along the new wall which the Arabs have built from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. Then, too, there is many a rocky hillside in that land called the wilderness, the scene of Christ's temptation. Three rocks which stand out most vividly in my memory are the rock in the Garden of Gethsemane, the rock of Calvary, and the rock of the empty tomb.

The Garden of Gethsemane with its olive trees is a beautiful place. It seems very quiet there after the noisy streets of the old city of Jerusalem. At one side of the garden a small church has been built. In the front of the church the natural rock of the garden stands out in simple grandeur, inviting one to

think of what happened there and to stop to pray. This was the place where Jesus prayed, where He prepared Himself for what was ahead of Him. I would call this rock *"the rock of preparation."*

The second rock makes up most of the small steep hill called Golgotha. After climbing up to the top of this hill I was permitted to put my hand in the hole in the rock which is said to be the place where the cross of Christ was placed. I noticed a short distance from this point that there was a deep crevice in the rock — possibly caused by the earthquake on the first Good Friday. Because of what happened on this rock on that day I would call the second rock *"the rock of love and sacrifice."*

A short distance from Calvary is the tomb hewn out of a third rock of great significance. By stooping down I was able to enter into this tomb in the rock. It was empty. In fact, it has been empty since the first Easter morning. It gives eloquent testimony to the fact of Christ's resurrection. I would call this rock *"the rock of the Easter hope"* or *"the rock of immortality."*

As we look forward to Easter may we think of these three rocks and what they represent. Easter will mean much

to us if we really prepare ourselves for it. The best preparation is prayer. At "the rock of preparation" Jesus prepared Himself for the momentous days ahead. He is our rock and our salvation. As we have fellowship with Him in prayer we can prepare ourselves for spiritual uplift as the events of Holy Week with the victorious climax of Easter unfold before us.

We can well pause to think too of the rock of sacrificial love. It is the essence of Christianity. It is love of others and the spirit of sharing which give meaning and purpose to life. At this rock we dedicate ourselves anew to lives of consecrated service.

When we include the third rock, the rock of the empty tomb, in our thinking we dwell upon the assurance of life eternal. We serve One who has prepared the way for us. We are called to so order our lives that we live for eternity, starting now.

If we cling to these solid rocks — prayer, sacrificial love, and everlasting life through Christ — this Easter season will be a blessing for us and for all those with whom we share the joys of serving our Risen Lord. In Him we live, and move, and have our being.

C. E. Conferences and Conventions

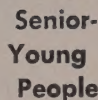
- APRIL
- 13—Washington, Seattle
- 15—Indiana (Spring Retreat), Vincennes
- 25—Michigan (Conclave), St. Mary's Lake
- May 2—Oregon, Klamath Falls
- May 2—Middle Atlantic Region—Hershey, Pennsylvania
- May 2—Inter-State Union of American Christian Endeavor Societies (Conference), Pawling, N. Y.

- MAY
- 12—12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention, Washington, D. C.
- 13—Youth Assembly, International Society, Washington, D. C.

GETTING READY FOR COLUMBUS 1955



The program committee for the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held July 11-16, 1955 in the Capital City of Ohio is shown at work at a meeting held in Philadelphia, Pa., March 3. Pictured (left to right) are: Vernon Hoffman, Mrs. Joseph Holton Jones, Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, chairman; Rev. Bob Ross, Harold E. Westerhoff, and Clenzo Miles. Dr. J. Gordon Howard, another member of the committee, was not present for this session.



Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add
his own thoughts, experiences, and other
illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make
clear the purposes of the meeting.

It would perhaps be effective to have each meeting feature some special decorations. Today's for example could use missionary or travel pictures. Possibly a guest speaker of experience could be invited; movies or slides would add much. Have all the literature and materials possible, and encourage its distribution.

The leader should give careful thought, then try to bring out the inner requirements, and the outward "equipment" for a missionary. There are many sources of such information. Don't overlook prayer and the Bible as a source. The pastor will be glad to help. Keep the meeting on a serious level. Perhaps some of your group are already considering a call to missionary service—or they might feel such a call during this meeting. The writer of this topic received his first call to full-time Christian service in a Christian Endeavor missionary meeting. Who knows whom God may call today, perhaps even the leader himself!

M., Apr. 26.	A Missionary Needs a Christian Testimony.	I Tim. 1:11-17.
T., Apr. 27.	A Missionary Needs Prayer.	I Tim. 2:1-8.
W., Apr. 28.	A Missionary Needs Humility.	4 Cor. 11-18.
T., Apr. 29.	A Missionary Needs Spiritual Boldness.	Acts 4:23-31.
F., Apr. 30.	A Missionary Needs Power.	Acts 4:33.
S., May 1.	A Missionary Needs a Commission.	Matt. 28:16-20.
Sun., May 2.	Topic—What It Takes to Be a Missionary.	Acts 9:20-31.

Acts 9:20-31

The missionary is one who has heard and heeded Christ's Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15.) He is God's chosen servant for a particular task in a particular field. He is an ambassador, prophet, teacher, and healer. By whatever means he finds at his disposal, he presents the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour. His every effort is made for this purpose. The successful missionary is the one who reaps the harvest. Or it may be the other way around. Paul says, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." (I Corinthians 3:6.) By this he means that each one does his part in the best way possible, but leaves the result with God. Thus the missionary is on a mighty team and must play the "game" with all his might for the glory of his "Owner." The purpose of the missionary is to win hearts, souls, and lives for Jesus Christ, wheresoever he may go.

A varied preparation is needed: both physical, spiritual, and educational. According to Dr. Jacob Chamberlain of India, "the essential personal qualifications for a foreign missionary are grace, grit, and gumption, plus health enough for an insurance policy, and brains enough for a college diploma." Someone else has said that a missionary must have "a hard head, a soft heart, and a tough skin." A foreign missionary surely needs common everyday physical courage, steady nerves, and sound health. He must be able to make hard decisions, have good self-control, boundless energy, and the adventuresome spirit of youth which does not grow old with age. The quality of leadership is also essential.

Necessary spiritual qualities are an unwavering faith in God, in Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, in the Bible, and in prayer. There is no room for a "doubting man" on the mission field. He must be completely surrendered to God and fully dependent upon Him. Two essential spiritual qualities are (1) a desire to preach and to witness for Christ and (2) a spiritual personality which keeps him sweet, fresh, winsome, and strong.

No one can be fully prepared for missionary service until God has called him to it. God must be completely in his life, and leader of it, before this is possible. To be fully prepared, the Missionary Board says to the candidate: "Know God!" "Know the Bible!" "Know Books!" "Know the science of missions in general and the problems of your own field in particular!" He should absorb all he can, even to the geography, history, literature, traditions, religions, and present needs of the people to whom he expects to be sent.

Some desirable qualities for a woman

"The Christian message is always "Come unto Me," then "Go ye into all the world."

missionary are: to be filled with love, a gentle voice, refinement, tact, winsome dependability, cheerfulness, strong physical ability to work and live with others. A full college education is an asset, with psychology, sociology, education, history, sciences, languages, English, or general literature. In addition, at least one year of special missionary preparation, including the science and history of missions, the religions of the world, the language of the chosen field, and a thorough course in the Bible.

The medical missionary needs, in addition to resourcefulness, optimism, level-headedness, true humility, dignified friendliness and genuine sympathy. He must go to the field well grounded in medical and surgical practice, also being familiar with diseases of the tropics or the field of his work. He should qualify in dentistry and the filling of prescriptions. He requires more extensive preparation than for practice at home.

The missionary nurse needs the ability to carry out orders, the quality of neatness and orderliness, firmness and decision, unfailing cheerfulness, and the ability to direct. She also needs a study of missions and the Bible besides her nurse's training.

A missionary teacher needs consecration, patience, adaptability, sense of humor, refinement, courtesy, capacity for teamwork, keen insight, loyalty to truth, imagination, power, and an appreciative attitude. He or she must be a missionary and a teacher. He or she must teach primarily for the glory of God.

Other types of missionaries are: the apostles.
(Please turn to Page 19, Col. 1)

1. What is the purpose of the missionary?

2. Name some missionary vocations.

3. List some requirements of a missionary.

4. Name some specific missile fields and their particular requirements.

5. Could you be a missionary if you continued further in the vocation of your choice? Would you?

6. Why would you like to be missionary?

7. Why would you not like to be a missionary?

8. Have you ever felt the call
be a missionary?

9. If called to the mission field, what would your answer be?

10. What is the cost of being missionary?

11. Is it worth it?

What It Takes--

To Be a Missionary

First Topic in a Series on "What It Takes"

Acts 13:2, 3; II Corinthians 11:25-33

Aim

To acquaint ourselves with the nature of a missionary's activity.

To come into closer sympathy with missionary's activity.

To become a more loyal supporter of missionary work.

Setting

You will want to make your meeting for tonight have a world-wide atmosphere. Have a globe at the center of the room. Collect maps of all kinds and place them around the room. If there is a blackboard pin up all kinds of air-mail stationery, clippings from papers about places that are new and have recently appeared in the news. If possible, get a map of the world and indicate with pins where members of your church are in service now. This may be repeated throughout the month but will be particularly fitting for this Sunday's discussion. Have a browsing table with books of interest.

What Is a Missionary?

To really start this topic we must understand what a missionary is.

The missionary is sent of God.

While it is true that in most instances the missionary is sent of the church and works under the auspices of the church, it is nevertheless true that he is sent of God. It is the consciousness that he is sent of God that holds him at his work and inspires and strengthens him for his work. The individual not possessing this consciousness will soon weary of the task and come home.

The true missionary recognizes that his first duty is to preach the gospel.

He refuses to yield to other things which demand his time and attention. He is careful to see that in the pursuit of related subordinate activities he does not forget the great objective of all his work, i.e., bringing Christ to the people and the people Christ.

The missionary seeks likewise to practice the gospel.

A concrete demonstration is commonly more effective than abstract teaching. Accordingly, the missionary's life among the people, his efforts for their physical, intellectual and social welfare, not only afford points of contact with the people, but become valuable aids in his work for their spiritual welfare.

The missionary is worthy of his calling.

He should not have to concern himself with his support, neither should he have to worry about his equipment and supplies. He should be asked to undergo no hardship or deprivation which the church can prevent.

We Expect the Missionary

To enter his vocation with much prayer and consecration.

He asks God to make him sensitive to the voice of the Holy Spirit. His decision is

made with heavenly wisdom and complete obedience to the will of God. This costs something. It means giving up one vocation for another. It means denying one's self the joy of staying at home with loved ones and friends. But what could be greater than a call to active Christian service in this sinful world!

2. To support his ministry with his life.

The pursuit of these activities demands physical strength, moral courage, unlimited patience, prayer and above all a genuine passion for the souls of lost men. That takes all he has got to invest.

3. To be willing to expend every effort to preach the gospel.

Have you ever thought that the very things which engage the time and energy and tireless devotion of the missionary in foreign lands are those things which God is expecting you to do in your "Jerusalem" and in your "Judea"? The missionary brings the gospel to people right where he is.

4. To be faithful.

Paul said: "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also." Paul felt that God had given him life and salvation with a special purpose. His chief end in life was to glorify God by making Christ known. This was what he called his "stewardship of the gospel." He believed he would be held accountable for the use he made of this stewardship. His great desire was to be faithful in the stewardship committed to him. The missionary is faithful in discharging this stewardship.

Missionaries Today

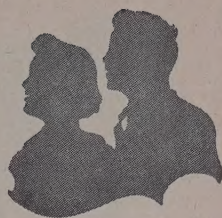
Many young people have an idea that missionaries are long-faced, sour dispositioned people who like to get far away from home and reality. But modern missionaries amaze you when you know them. They are doing simply unbelievable things as ministers, women evangelists, teachers, doctors, dentists, nurses, businessmen, industrialists, agriculturists, journalists, and press men. Of course, in back of it all is the fact that they are just men with a message and a method. They live in these lands with their families and friends in homes or apartments just as lovely as ours and use all their abilities to live Christ. They do this by showing that Christ is concerned with common things like planting a garden or building a house.

The people among whom present-day missionaries live are realizing their need of Christ to cleanse them from the penalty of sin and keep them from its power. Many are accepting Christ and yielding their lives to Him in a way which puts me to shame. The only trouble is there are so few missionaries and so many people.

Our Challenge

What greater challenge could you ask than to serve Christ where the need is greatest? Countless opportunities await the most attractive and talented young people

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— MAY 2 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

in fields of Christian service, and yet we talk about wanting our church to "lay off the pressure," because we "haven't had a call." Well, what is a call anyhow, but a need seen? If we don't go, who will? I want to put it to you straight—will you prayerfully consider volunteering your life as a missionary of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ?

You Can Be a Missionary Now

1. Be a missionary through the example of your own life.

Be honest, straightforward, truthful, sincere, thoughtful, helpful, unselfish, dependable, forgiving, self-controlled. Refrain from shirking responsibility and work, grumbling, "passing the buck," criticizing, losing your temper. Speak and think cleanly. Enjoy only wholesome fun. Pray and read your Bible daily; sincerely seek God's will in everything you do. Have a zest for living that is catching.

2. Be a missionary through your home.

When friends come to your home be sure they find thoughtfulness and love, grace at the table, family prayers.

3. Be a missionary at school.

Take a stand against cutting classes, marking the buildings and furniture, having play practice and other such activities on Sundays, against sets that make a point to exclude, yellow sportsmanship, cheating.

4. Be a missionary through your church.

It is the institution which Christ left on earth to carry on His work and it needs your wholehearted support. Attend all the services and make them the best you can by your reverence.

Do something in your church:

Are you an officer in your organization?

Carry out your duties faithfully.

Do you have a program? Make it good.

Do you have a party to plan. Have a "humdinger." Help with the Sunday

school and the vacation Bible school.

Sing in the choir. Be a junior deacon

if your church has them.

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Daily Bible Readings

M., Apr. 26. A Missionary Needs a Christian Testimony. I Tim. 1:11-17.

T., Apr. 27. A Missionary Needs Prayer. I Tim. 2:1-8.

W., Apr. 28. A Missionary Needs Humility. Acts 14:11-18.

Th., Apr. 29. A Missionary Needs Spiritual Boldness. Acts 4:23-31.

F., Apr. 30. A Missionary Needs Power. Acts 4:33.

S., May 1. A Missionary Needs a Commission. Matt. 28:16-20.

Sun., May. Topic—What It Takes—to be

a Missionary. Acts 13:2-3; II Cor. 11:25-33.



Senior-
Young
People

— MAY 9 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This is the second in the "What It Takes" series. Last week we considered the requirements for a missionary. Next week we think of what it takes to be a minister. Today we come right down to the very practical level we all live upon. We turn our attention to a divinely-given responsibility that sometime comes to nearly everyone, that of Christian parenthood. Today is set apart as Mother's Day, but a greater meaning has been given to it in recent years by setting this entire week aside as Christian Family Week, with this being Christian Family Day. The leader should try to direct the thinking of the society members along the lines of personal preparation for a future privilege and opportunity. Let there not be unfair comparisons with the parents and homes of the Endeavorers, unless they glaringly point out the truth of the day's teaching. One of the fruits of this meeting should be a greater appreciation for parents who are Christian or who are earnestly striving to fulfill their obligation of love. A more Christian attitude between parents and children should certainly result from this experience together. Use pictures, posters, displays, literature for the day, etc. This would be an excellent time to invite

THINK ON THESE THINGS

1. Describe a Christian parent.
2. Can you give illustrations of unworthy parents?
3. What is the difference between a parent and a Christian parent?
4. What are the chief requisites for a good parent?
5. Which is more important in a parent, wealth or wisdom? Social position or love? Reputation or character? Give reasons for your answers.
6. How can the family share more of its experiences together?
7. Why is a period of family devotions necessary?
8. How could our parents be improved? Our homes?
9. What do you appreciate most about your parents?
10. What is a Christian family?

What It Takes--

To Be a Parent

Second Topic in a Series on "What It Takes To Serve"

Colossians 3:12-24

(CHRISTIAN FAMILY DAY)

all the mothers as guests, better yet, all the parents. Perhaps a flower or plant could be given to mothers. They will certainly benefit from a thoughtful discussion and may add much to it. Make Mother's Day 1954 a memorable occasion. Try to get each one to go home and do something special to show the deep inner love and appreciation we all feel for our parents.

Aim of The Topic:

1. To study Christian parenthood as a major aim in life.
2. To consider what is required of a parent.
3. To find out "What it takes."

The Purpose of Parenthood

"Mothers are the lieutenants of Heaven" is an old maxim. It is one that points out the kind of responsibility of parenthood. Certainly both fathers and mothers should consider the stewardship of life that is theirs as a sacred trust. Theirs is the task of pointing their children to Heaven. They are to "love and cherish their children, bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." It is not enough merely to provide for the physical, the mental, and the social needs of children, even though these are essential. Of even greater importance is the spiritual guidance and growth. Hence parents are to be examples of the faith by their own lives, they are to be teachers and guides. Ephesians 6:1 provides an interesting lesson. What is the meaning of this instruction. "Children obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right?" The fourth verse is also arresting. "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Verily, parents are Heaven's ambassadors to so train a child that he will find his way to his Heavenly Father, and to his Father's Home.

The Preparation Required

In this modern day there is no excuse for ignorance. Especially is this true in the realm of family relations. Whole libraries have been written on this subject. It is a requisite for intelligent courtship and marriage that accredited books on this subject be digested together by the couple. It is even more essential that parents strive to intelligently fulfill their duties to God, to society, and to their children. An adequate spiritual preparation is the foundation stone for the parent, by both public and private worship. The former is the matter of going to church and participation in group experiences. The latter is the prayer and Bible study in one's own home. Beyond a doubt, the "family pew" and the "family altar" (a time for prayer together in the home) will change any home or life.

There must of course be love and understanding, ready interest and cooperation, a

A SEED THOUGHT

"Next to God, my family.
What does this mean?"

family "esprit de corps." Time should be set aside for family activities together, with each one keeping that time sacred, not to be taken for other activities. Complete honesty and trustworthiness should be found in parents, and in the children, in their relationships together. It takes one's best to be a worthy parent.

Is It Worth It?

In view of the cost in sacrifice and convenience, this question may well be asked. Says an educator, "The Twentieth Century may become known as the period in which intelligent people came to realize that children are not small editions of adults." This has many implications. In the child, growing up in a Christian home, we find a person touched by many emotions, grasping for truth, seeking recognition as an individual, ready each day to accept responsibilities. This young life has the powers of perception and growth which adults rarely attain. The parent thus is required alone to understand and plan his own life but to make good in giving guidance, confidence, and foundations for character to the younger persons in the home. The basis for parenthood of such quality are built in early life. They gain much of power and stability through early practice of Christian principles in everyday thinking and living. There is a discipline demanded of every parent each day of his life. This then is experience to be lightly accepted. We must well ask if it is worth the cost.

This question, however, answers itself. Without hesitation the intelligent, responsible, Christian will answer emphatically the affirmative. When the fruits of such job well done are considered the reason is obvious. Good parents in a good home will bring forth offspring that are a blessing to the world. Souls will be saved for the glory of God. Lives will be changed, all souls will be benefited. As suggested of mother in Proverbs 31: 28, "Her children will run up and call her blessed." So will fathers be blessed also. Consider the meaning of Proverbs 22:1 and 22:6. Also Proverbs 18:13; 18:18; 1:7, 8 and 3:6. Discuss them together.

Daily Home Readings

- M., May 3. Parents Need to be Trustworthy. Gen. 18.
- T., May 4. Parents Need Faith. II Tim. 1:3.
- W., May 5. Parents Must Not be an Evil Influence. I Kings 22:51.
- T., May 6. Parents Must be a Good Influence. II Chron. 17:3.
- F., May 7. Parents Have Mutual Responsibilities. Deut. 6:3.
- S., May 8. Parents Need Love for Each Other. Eph. 5:22.
- Sun., May 9. Topic—What It Takes—to be a Parent. Col. 3:12-24.

(Christian Family Day)

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK

Friendship Begins at Home

Second Topic in a Series on "What It Takes"

Ruth 1:16-18; Proverbs 12:7

(CHRISTIAN FAMILY DAY)

Intermediate



— MAY 9 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

sense of companionship which should come from home and family. Father and mother go their several ways, and their children are left to find their friends in the neighborhood, in schools, in parks, in playgrounds, or in various so-called "character building" agencies.

It is friendship which makes husband and wife, parents and children, brothers and sisters so necessary to each other that nothing can split them apart. You may call it "love" if you want to. It is love, in the usual New Testament sense of the word.

To be friendly in the home we need to *council together!* Let all work out problems, conflicts, difficulties in a family huddle instead of each one going off in a huff. *Work together*, each one having his task, each one shouldering his responsibility. *Play together.* What greater fun than a family outing, a family vacation, or playing games or reading aloud together. While each member will have his own friends and social engagements, and while each person has his own preferences in pastimes, each member should have an engagement occasionally with the family, and the family ought to have its own times together. *Worship together.* This is the thing which gives the real team spirit because it brings each member into the presence of Christ's Spirit, which can banish the selfish spirit. What a shame it is when one member of the family refuses to play the game at this point.

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TEST YOURSELF

1. What is your answer when your mother says, "I wouldn't do that if I were you"?
2. If you argue with her, is your argument courteous and frank?
3. When she asks you where you are going or what you are going to do, how do you answer?
4. What do you think a boy should do about going with girl and boy friends of whom his mother disapproves?
5. Why should a boy honor his mother?
6. What is your idea of the type of mother who should receive the highest honor from her son?
7. What is your idea of a Christian home?
8. What one thing contributes most to a happy home? Name a hindrance.
9. How may we get more of the spirit of Christ in our home?

A Poem

"MOTHER"

by Landis A. Reber

M - stands for Many things
That I can do each day,
In helping my mother
To put the work away.

O - stands for Others,
That sometimes need help, too.
And we can help them greatly,
If we will, both me and you.

T - stands for Troubles
That we sometimes must bear.
But we can make them lighter
If we help and do our share.

H - of course, is Helping
Others along their way.
And we should never forget
To do this every day.

E - is that Everything
We do should be just right,
And in this way we're helping
Others to win their fight.

R - is for Righteousness,
Taught to us each day.
And we should not forget
To always live this way.

The whole thing it spells "Mother,"
The one we love so dear.
Whenever we are in trouble,
Mother is always near.

Courtesy "Builders"

our economic security; our highest esthetic purposes; our greatest spiritual happiness. It is the footstone for the uptrend and advancement of civilization.

Home is one's fixed place of abode, hence a place of affection, peace, and rest. It is the scene of domestic love, and happy, cherished family life. In it mutual love, common ideals and highest personal desires find ground for complete maturity and realization.

For some young people the home is only a place to snatch a few hours of much needed sleep, with the days completely filled, with school or pleasure, until late at night. Naturally, perhaps some of this cannot be avoided. But the Christian must seek to maintain the home as a place of rest and peace, and a haven of happiness, with the refinements of quietude and relaxation, through which to build strong, healthy minds, spirits and bodies.

Being Friendly at Home

Some one has said, "Home is where everybody is himself." Yes, this is true if the person means "their best selves." It is the place where parents and children, brothers and sisters are friendly. It is true that sometimes children grow up without ever having experienced the wonderful

Our Aim

To understand what personal qualities help make a happy home.
To see how being friendly helps everybody.

To invest friendly attitudes for happier family experiences.

Idea

Here's an idea how to usher in your picnic.

Playlet: MOTHER'S DAY FOR MOTHER

By Mary Alice Holden

Characters—Mother, her sons and daughters.
Change the parts to fit your family and its life.)

Scene—Living room of your home.

MOTHER—(comes to door of living room from bedroom)

Mother's Day! I'm so tired. I wouldn't be if everybody forgets about Mother's Day.

Loud whispers are heard in the kitchen.)

MOTHER—What goes on here? (Goes to door and stands in door.) Well, I never! breakfast ready?

Girls come into living room)

DAUGHTER—Not quite, Mother. We didn't expect you up yet. This is a surprise.

MOTHER—So it seems.

N—I'll dust the living room, while you girls finish the table.

MOTHER DAUGHTER—Maybe I should set the table in the dining room, so it will be ready when we come from church.

N—Now, Mother, why don't you just enjoy yourself while we do the work? This is Mother's Day, you know.

MOTHER—Who would get the twins ready for Sunday school if I didn't?

DAUGHTER—I'll get them ready right after breakfast. Here they come already.

ALL SON—I want to help.

ALL DAUGHTER (his twin sister)—I want to help.

MOTHER—Looks as if you don't need me around here. I'll just go to the study and finish studying my Sunday-school lesson. Call me if you need me. (Exit)

—Source Unknown

Look at the Home

The home is the foundation of civilization. Every forward stride in it has been made when close attention was given to perfecting of the home life. The nations which have colonized successfully, have done so through their ability to establish a family with a normal home life in the city. The home is the basis for all true civility as we know it. Upon it revolves

Messages From The Bible

May 3. A Home Broken by Greed and Deceit. Gen. 27:15-36.

May 4. A Home Broken by Envy. Gen. 38:11, 18-35.

May 5. A Home of Hospitality. II Kings 4:8-10.

May 6. A Home of Affection. John 11:1-5, 12:1-3.

May 7. Unselfishness. Phil. 2:1-4.

May 8. Considering Others. I Cor. 10:31-33.

May 9. Topic—Friendship Begins at Home (Christian Family Day). Ruth 1:16-18; Prov. 12:7.



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What It Takes--

To Be a Minister

Third Topic in a Series on "What It Takes"

I Timothy 4:4-16

— MAY 16 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This topic concludes a series of three on the captivating subject "What It Takes To Serve." We have discussed the requirements for a missionary, and for a good parent. Today we are brought face to face with a challenge as well as with factual data. We think now of what it takes to be a minister of the Gospel. Every word must bring us closer to the invitation that each one search his heart, to see if God would have him enter that glorious profession. This meeting would be a good time to present the Life-Work Recruit Pledge, which is the covenant signed by young people who wish to dedicate their lives to a full-time Christian service. Give an opportunity to discuss this matter with the pastor, if there is interest in this direction. Leaflets and pledge cards may be secured from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio. Have literature available to give out. Perhaps the pastor could be asked to speak briefly on his experience as a minister. Draw some general conclusions from this entire series of three topics on "What It Takes" to render really significant service in Christ's name. Read the preceding topics for background. Strive to set a high standard for service in the minds of your associates.

Aim of The Topic:

1. To explore the possibility of the ministry as a life work.
2. To consider what is required of a minister.

3. To find out "What it takes." The Purpose of The Ministry

The basic purpose of the ministry is to bring men to God through Christ. Like unto this is the task of keeping the Church

truly the Church; doing and being what God has planned for it. Charles Sylvester Horne once said, "The preacher is the true ruler of society; not elected by society to be its ruler, but elect of God to form its ideals, and so rule its life." This well describes this purpose. The hearts of men are never at rest until they rest in God, for there are eternal needs within each of us.

One of the reasons the ministry has such a mission today is that the Church has lost a part of its hold upon the lives of people. They do not look upon the Church in quite the same way as formerly, nor do they look to the Church for the same help. Modern society is rather sick of itself; it is bored. Modern man is on a fruitless chase for happiness and it leads him far astray. Dr. Visser t'Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, says, "We have not found a Twentieth Century way to combat the sins the Twentieth Century has evolved." It becomes the purpose of the minister of Christ to halt this folly by convincing people that there is more fun in being a Christian than in doing any other thing on earth. There is more sheer happiness, there is more reward. The supreme purpose of the ministry is to bring man to God, and to bring God to man, with all of the secondary activity that is involved.

The Preparation Required

The first thing needed for any Christian service, and for the ministry in particular, is a call from God. This is that inner "voice," or the overpowering conviction, that tells a man or woman that God has a work to do and that He wants that person to do it. A second requirement that goes hand in hand with the first is *consecration*. This comes by the whole-hearted dedication of the total life to God and Christ, to do and to be whatever He desires. The modern minister is at the center of life; he needs the power of God to meet the challenge. Phillips Brooks said, "The Christian ministry is the largest field for the growth of a human soul that the world affords." Hence the minister must strive to be a growing person, to make himself as broad and deep a channel as possible. He must live a glowing Christian life, beyond personal reproach. The pastor must also be an unconquerable idealist. He "keeps one eye on the unseeable and forges ahead in faith." The true prophet of God is kind and patient and long-suffering. He is ready to catch the other man's point of view, but he does not compromise with sin or evil.

The matter of education is of high importance. While the academic side of the ministry is not the determining factor in its success it must never be under-estimated. The requirements for ordination are not standardized, but vary with the denominations. Men sometimes succeed as Frank Lowe suggests, "by virtue of sheer native ability, common sense, the Holy Spirit, and

THINK ON THESE THINGS

1. Can you name a more important work than the ministry? Why do you consider it so?
2. Why is the ministry important?
3. What do you believe to be the requirements for a pastor?
4. What do you admire most about your pastor?
5. What is the most important qualification for the ministry?
6. How much authority should the pastor have?
7. How can we know the pastor better?
8. If you were interested in entering the Christian ministry, what steps would you take?
9. What good do ministers do in the world?
10. Why don't more of our own young people go into full-time Christian service?
11. An aged layman told his pastor that he felt the Sunday sermon should always answer one unspoken question from the pews, "What has God been telling you this week? What did he mean?"

the capacity to make life itself serve the

The generally approved standard for a university. Such men are exceptional. A minister is a four year college course and three year training in theological seminary. The latter includes many specialized courses pertaining directly to preaching, Christian education, and church administration. To cure the finest education possible is not much to offer in the service of the King, the most careful training will not insure success in the pastorate. There are other inner qualities that must underlie it. A man of God must know and love and be by the Word of God. He may thereby perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (I Timothy 3: 16, 17.) A man must love God with all his heart, love his fellowmen exceedingly more than himself. A famous minister was asked to check a list of requirements for the ministry. In addition to those printed, there were three blank lines at the bottom for further suggestions. On these he wrote, "Love, Love, Love." This is certainly a pre-requisite.

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A SEED THOUGHT

"The business of the minister is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." What does this mean?

Scripture Readings

- M., May 10. A Minister Needs Admonition. II Tim 4:1-5.
- T., May 11. A Minister Needs God's Approval. II Tim. 2:15.
- W., May 12. A Minister Needs Patience. II Tim. 2:23-26.
- T., May 13. A Minister Needs to Know the Scriptures. II Tim. 3:14-17.
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To Be a Minister

Third Topic in a Series on "What It Takes To Serve"

II Timothy 2:15

Intermediate



— MAY 16 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Aim

1. To consider the ministry as a life's work.
2. To discover what a minister does.
3. To sense the rewards of service the ministry offers.

Conversation

"I wish we had studied more about full-time Christian service." This was Betty's remark as the group gathered.

"That is precisely what we have been dying," replied the adult adviser. "What do you mean by full-time service?"

"I mean doing Christian work all the time," said Betty.

"Every Christian who is following God's plan for his life is engaged in full-time Christian service," answered the adviser. "I meant full-time service in the church," said Betty.

"Yes, only I would rather say through the church. We already have places for people to serve, such as the minister, the director of religious education, the missionary, the church secretary, the organist and choir director, and other people who serve through the church," replied the adviser.

"Have you thought about serving through the church? We used to think only of young people entering the ministry as a service in the church. Now a girl may prepare for several types of services, such as: teachers in Bible in schools and colleges, directors of religious education in congregations or as, pastors' assistants with educational possibilities, teacher of weekday religious education, church secretaries, home and foreign missionaries, Sunday-school extension workers, directors of church music, church organist, and matrons or teachers in orphanages.

"Let's think today particularly of the ministry. The Christian ministry as a vocation is a challenge for a vigorous, ambitious and conscientious young man. Possibly no

other calling is more exacting than the Gospel ministry. Possibly no other calling develops the person and the powers of a man so much as does the ministry. Every Christian boy or young man ought to entertain the idea of becoming a Christian minister. This does not mean that all Christian boys or young men will or should become ministers. The Christian minister must serve as a pastor, a philosopher, a statesman, a historian, an artist (in order to lead people to see the beautiful) and a prophet.

The Ministry—a Rewarding Vocation

The preaching ministry is a demanding but rewarding vocation. Preaching has been the means of evangelism since the beginning of the church. To it men have devoted their lives through the centuries. Local congregations today are dependent upon the preacher for guidance and direction as well as for the preaching of the Word. Thus, there is an urgent demand for young men who will enter the ministry. Only he who is willing to make the sacrifices should even contemplate it. Only he who is willing to "go the second mile" in conduct, service, and consecration should enter it. But he who will make the sacrifices will find a life which is immeasurably rich. (What are some of the qualifications which a minister should have?)

What It Takes

To be a minister takes—

1. A Call.

What is a "call" like? Many young people imagine it to be a very mysterious thing. They think of it as something which happens late at night, probably, as a great light shines down and an angel appears to say, "You're the one!" This may describe an exceptional "call" which is dramatic; yet for many it will not be as dramatic as this. More frequently it may be like an inward urging of a still, small voice which may be persistent in breaking into our consciousness at many odd moments. There grows upon a person who becomes aware of such inward urging a feeling of what ought to be. The one thing which challenges the person is that he has something within his mind and heart that tells him of his particular abilities and God's gift to him of these for a purpose.

Usually, there is at the basis of this urging, or calling, the question, "Am I the one who can help bring about what ought to be?" At this point let us remember what Jesus said about the sparrow and about God's desire for us.

2. A desire to fill a need.

The outstanding characteristic of William Carey's call was his earnest desire to fill the need. Moody and many others have been prodded to action by the burning desire to win men to Christ. It was this desire, not training and methods, that made Peter a powerhouse in the revival following Pentecost.

3. A person who means business.

The ministry of God asks for clear-minded, convinced, daring men feeling their way into great reaches of the divine purpose. It asks for those who are absolutely, prayerfully committed to whatever portion of God's will they may know thus far. The ministry may not take much of a man—but it takes all there is of him.

4. One who can lead.

God calls to the ministry only people who are willing to grow to be leaders. Their equipment to do that includes initiative, clear voice, courage of heart, directness of mind, decisiveness of will. If a man's call does not find him with such attitudes or aptitudes, it is evidently a summons to serve God in some other equally Christian vocation elsewhere in life.

5. One who is willing to get an education.

To preach convincingly, teach wisely, write and pray intelligently—these demand painstaking discipline of the mind. Four years of college plus three of seminary are the standard course. This is none too much to require of men chosen to lead among educated people, "rightly dividing the word of truth."

6. One who utilizes opportunities of service now.

Accept open doors of opportunity to serve in your local church. Keep walking in the light God gives now. Billy Graham and Billy Sunday are good examples of this truth. As they accepted the doors which opened, their spiritual insights into human needs and their passion to get Christ to the needy ones increased.

7. One who empties himself of selfishness.

Jesus put it this way: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." It is necessary to empty the life of all selfishness before it can be filled with Christ's plan and purpose. When the rich young ruler came to Jesus seeking eternal happiness, he was told that he must give up all in order to gain all.

To be a minister demands that all areas of life are dedicated wholly to Christ.

Bible Readings

- M., May 10. A Minister Needs Admonition. II Tim. 4:1-5.
T., May 11. A Minister Needs God's Gift. II Tim. 4:12-16.
W., May 12. A Minister Needs Patience. II Tim. 2:23-26.
T., May 13. A Minister Needs to Know the Scriptures. II Tim. 3:14-17.
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ASK YOURSELF

1. List as many occupations as possible which can be used as Christian vocations. How can each of these be adapted to the service of the church?
2. What does the church offer to those who would give themselves to full-time occupations? Are these offers adequate? What more should be given?
3. Interview your minister on what is necessary to be a good servant of Christ in church vocations.
4. What does your church feel constitutes a call into the ministry?
5. Are the ministers in your community respected? Why?
6. Supposing someone should tell you that you ought to be a minister. How would you respond?
7. What courses does a minister need in his training today?

Working With Spanish-speaking Americans

Acts 8:1-8



Senior-
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People

— MAY 23 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

1. Pray for God's blessing and help.
2. Study the Bible selections given.
3. Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
4. Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today the topic offers some interesting opportunities. The total emphasis is upon home missions, that branch of the missionary enterprise which deals especially with the work in our own country. There is a world-wide need for the Gospel and the North American continent is no exception. In every state and province there is a particular need and each society should consider the needs of its area. Let the leader of this meeting guide the thinking of the group into a survey of the local situation. Should there be a problem of Spanish-speaking Americans in that area, set out to do something definite toward its solution. Get books on that subject from one's own denominational publishing house, thus to become more familiar with the possibilities.

If there is no work with Spanish-speaking Americans needed nearby, be assured that there is some field which cries out for your interest and work. Help your society to sense the great challenge of missionary work right here at home, in addition to that on other continents. Suggestions of various fields of activities are included in this topic. Present them all briefly during the meeting. Perhaps a "different" type of program can be followed as suggested below. Try to work out an imaginary trip that will "cover" the major fields of missionary challenge. Perhaps an original plan can be worked out. This meeting can be of educational value as well as inspirational. Other materials from denominational and missionary organizations can be secured and included. If possible, pass out literature obtained from these sources. Strive to make possible a lasting effect from a well-planned meeting.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Home missions is another name for Evangelism — and we all believe in that."

Aim of The Topic:

1. To present the challenge of home missions.
2. To create interest in the problem of Spanish-speaking Americans.

The Gospel At Home

There is always a need for presenting the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and for interpreting the Christian life in every part of the world. This provides our missionary challenge. An important part of this work is found right here on our own shores. The Gospel is needed at home. The Christian way is needed in many new places in our own provinces and states. It has wisely been suggested that we no longer refer to "Foreign Missions" and "Home Missions." Somehow this reminds us that wherever there is a person who needs Christ, there is a missionary responsibility.

Make It Different

This topic deals with home missions, especially among Spanish-speaking Americans. In order to better understand our home mission fields, a suggested missionary trip may be planned for the society. Let's not confine it to just one subject.

Send invitations in advance, and have a poster on the church bulletin board. A few suggestions are: (1) For invitations, paint or paste a line of people's "backs" on a small card. Underneath write, "We are looking forward to seeing you at our next missionary meeting Sunday evening at" Or (2) Paste or paint a train, suitcase, airplane, or some original idea on a card. Write, "Come to Christian Endeavor on Sunday P.M. for a trip to our home mission fields." Or (3) Paint or paste a goose, on a card. Underneath write, "You're a goose if you don't come to our missionary meeting Sunday evening at o'clock." Make posters patterned after the card.

Then strive to carry out the idea of a trip by train, plane, boat, etc., to the domestic mission fields (those in your own nation) that interest you. In keeping with the purpose of the topic, the "trip" might include the American Southwest and the great metropolitan area of greater New York, where this problem of the Spanish-speaking people is most acute. Many thousands of Puerto Ricans and other Latin Americans have suddenly descended upon New York and Long Island. Much originality can be brought into this trip and it can be made to create interest in one's own denominational fields of service as well.

Many Fields. One Need

In every part of the country there is a social and religious problem peculiar to that area. It may be among the French Canadians, or those of other nationalities in the western provinces. It may be the problem of dealing with the Oriental peoples on the Pacific Coast, the Jews in the great cities, the Negroes in the South. The challenge may be in taking the Gospel to the lumber camps in the great forests of the North, the sailors in seaport regions, the mountain folk of the South, or among the immigrants of the urban areas. The Gos-

From the Book of Books

- M., May 17. The Call to Macedonia. Acts 16:8-9.
T., May 18. The Call to the Gentiles. Acts 10:9-19.
W., May 19. Peter Preaches to Gentiles. Acts 10:34-43.
T., May 20. The Persecuted Become Missionaries. Acts 8:1-4.
F., May 21. Philip Preaches in Samaria. Acts 8:5-13.
S., May 22. All Need The Gospel. Rom. 10:12-13.
Sun., May 23. Topic—Working With Spanish-speaking Americans. Acts 8:1-8.

pel is needed in army and navy bases, from the Aleutians to the islands of the war seas. All this spells "home missions."

One of the particularly acute problems among the Spanish-speaking Americans. They are of differing national background and are found in various parts of North America, especially in the United States. In the Southwestern part of the latter along the Pacific Coast there is great challenge in working with the Mexicans. Far away, on the East coast, there is a new and ever-increasing sociological problem—the vast numbers of Puerto Ricans. They have come to these parts in great waves of immigration, many as migrant farm workers. Their political and social problems are far different from the Mexicans, and others. American citizens, they feel a rising nationalism for their own small country. The recent shootings in the Capitol, Washington and other demonstrations indicate the depth of the feelings of some of them. Truly there are acute problems and wonderful challenges for the Gospel in these widely separated coasts of a great continent.

What's Being Done?

Just how much do we know about the needs and about the way they are being met? Why not consult with the pastor, some representative leader and find out what our own churches and denominations are doing in these directions? Here's a task for the missionary committee.

DISCUSS AND GROW

1. What do we mean by home missions?
2. Which is more important, home or foreign missions?
3. How do you feel the Spanish-speaking Americans create a "problem?"
4. How can we meet this problem?
5. What conditions are indicated by their coming here in such great numbers?
6. What home mission fields does your church and denomination support? What is their program?
7. How can we have a worthwhile part in this program?
8. What is the greatest thing we can do for the "foreigners" in our country?
9. What does the Bible say about these matters? Give verses that refer to them.
10. If the Spanish-speaking group is not a part of our problem and interest, what field should be?

Working With Spanish-speaking Americans

Acts 8:1-8

Our Aim

- 1. To get a picture of the 7½ million Spanish-speaking Americans in our nation who need the gospel.
- 2. To see what is being done to reach these people.
- 3. To share the study of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education on this theme.

Program Outline

- CALL TO WORSHIP.
- HYMN: "The Light of God Is Falling."
- SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:1-8.
- STORIES: Tell of youth as revealed in the study text, "Papi."
- CONTEST. (See Leader's Guide).
- HYMN: "Go, Labor On."
- DIRECTED PRAYER.

the Leader

Your study will mean more to you if you secure several copies of *Papi* by Eleanor Hill (\$1.25). You should also have one copy of the leader's guide, *How to Use Papi* by Louise Griffith, 50 cents. These are home missions study texts for Intermediates. Your library will make available other resource books. Speak also to your pastor and men's missionary leaders for books on these topics.

We are very much aware that these are the missions topics and the resource materials have been prepared on the basis of conditions in the United States, but we hope that our Canadian readers may be able to profit from these topics and perhaps supplement the material with known facts about conditions in Canada. It may seem to others of you that this study does not apply particularly to your community because you do not have Spanish-speaking people living in your neighborhood. But we cannot forget that the home mission responsibility of the church is to minister to their needs wherever they may be found and furthermore, there are very few states in which there cannot be found Spanish-speaking people. Some may not be permanent residents. But many are being encouraged to move out into many sections in the pursuit of employment and better opportunities. There may be some new neighbors in your community next month.

The Spanish-American Youth Group

Several denominations support a fine work in Ybor City, Florida, among Spanish-American peoples. Let this report tell you about the youth work:

Six years ago when the work of the Ybor City (Florida) Mission was started began working with a group of children. Through children's clubs, contests, Sunday school and Vacation Bible

school activities, a small but fine group was developed. This group is now teenagers and a lively group it is!

Youth activities today include Sunday school and church attendance, choir, youth group meetings and a softball team. Of the thirty young people who attend one function or another, about twenty attend the Sunday school class and Sunday morning service. Monday evening is choir practice. How these young people love to sing! They are very faithful and each Sunday morning have a beautiful anthem to offer.

Youth group is held on Wednesday evening. They meet at eight o'clock and have a regular youth program; then play games, the favorite being volley ball. During softball season our team plays in the Tampa Sunday-school League. As this is the second year to play, naturally the team is not as good as most other, older-established church teams, but the team is on its way up. Of the six games played so far this year the team has won three—not bad for beginners. For the Tuesday night games only the team goes, but on Friday nights all the young people turn out. They go in the Mission bus and a wonderful time is had by all.

Other activities are picnics, wiener roasts, and visiting the sick. At Christmas time they fill baskets for the poor and help at all times in the general church program."

Meet Norma Rodriguez

"Meet Norma, who is fourteen now and in the ninth grade of school. She started coming to our Ybor City (Florida) Mission when Rev. and Mrs. Plutarco Roa first came to this field. She wasn't quite eight years old when she was first asked to come to Sunday school. Remembering the first time she came, she said, 'My sister and I were scared to death, but Daddy just picked us up and took us away.'

"Norma is the eldest of three children. Her mother works in a cigar factory as a 'roller.' The job is tiresome and tedious.

"Norma explained that she always played with the neighborhood children in the vacant lot across the street. Sometimes when they would be playing baseball the rich but heartless owner of the lot would order them off. If it weren't for our church youth group program with its varied activities, she still would have 'nothing to do' and 'no place to go.' Through our organization she can enjoy hikes, wiener roasts, outings at the State Park, playing ping-pong and outdoor games, and religious and educational films.

"Of all the things she has done in our young people's group, she says she liked most the taking of Christmas baskets to the poor, the Christmas play we presented and weekly choir rehearsal.

"Norma is energetic: physically, mentally, and spiritually. Her favorite subject is English. She has invited and brought quite a number of new folks into our Mission. She complained that some of them make excuses and don't come regularly; but she brought her cousin, Martha, who has united with the church and is another of our faithful young people.

"Norma reads the Bible every day. Us-

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ually she reads Psalms or Proverbs. She thinks Proverbs is much like Shakespeare—"Good mental exercise!" She has chosen the old favorites, the first and twenty-third Psalms as her own favorites. The first Scripture verse she learned was John 3:16 and she still knows it word for word.

"As she looked back over her experiences here in the Mission, she expressed her gratitude for what it has meant to her and the new joy it has brought into her life."

—Builders.

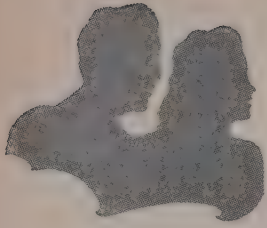
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KNOW THE ANSWERS?

1. In what spirit should we use the words "we" and "they" when referring to members of our group and members of another group?
2. Tell about some of your contact with Spanish-speaking Americans.
3. Where have the Spanish-speaking Americans nearest you come from?
4. What is the usual basis for prejudice against any group of people?
5. On a map, point out the different areas in the United States where Spanish-speaking Americans are to be found.
6. Make a list of the different kinds of work which they do.
7. What methods do you believe are the most effective means of helping people in our churches to understand something about our Spanish-speaking neighbors?
8. In what way can your Junior High society and church serve Spanish-speaking Americans?
9. If there are Spanish-speaking people living in your community, try to list some of their needs which are not being met.
10. What can your Junior High society do about the needs of our Latin American friends?
11. Why have Spanish-speaking Americans come to the United States?
12. Which need do you feel is the most pressing?
13. In what way, if any, do their needs differ from ours?
14. Why does the Protestant faith have a particular attraction for them?

Scripture Portions

- May 17. Salvation for All. Luke 2:25-32
- May 18. Sin Must be Forsaken. Isaiah 55:7.
- May 19. Souls to be Won. Prov. 11:30.
- May 20. The Healing Ministry. Matt. 4:23, 24.
- May 21. Kinship in Christ. Acts 17:26
- May 22. Worship from All. Psalm 86:5-12.
- May 23. Topic—Working with Spanish-speaking Americans. Acts 8:1-8.



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— MAY 30 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

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- 1. Pray for God's blessing and help.
- 2. Study the Bible selections given.
- 3. Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- 4. Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting

Memorial Day is a good day to start a series of three topics on the subject "I Remember." This is a time of retrospect and it is important that we take some time to look back. The Christian Endeavor topic for today is "Pioneers of Our Faith." This will form a back-drop for the unit of three topics. It attempts to review some of the great leaders of our faith, and in a day when there is a crying need for heroic leadership. Use seasonal decorations and carry out the theme of Memorial Day, in areas where it is a holiday. The pioneers of our nation deserve their acclaim also. While we recognize them let's not overlook the greater heroes of peace, those of the Church and the Christian life. Try to get the young people to share in the respect shown to the living and the dead. Flags can be displayed. Careful thought can be given to building up a colorful, interesting meeting. Above all, try to bring out the names, the period, the contributions, of all the "pioneers of the faith" that we can remember.

Aim of The Topic:

1. To bring to mind some of the great ones of the faith and to note their contributions to Christianity.

Much To Remember

On this Memorial Day there are so many things to bring to remembrance. When General Logan, shortly after the Civil War, proclaimed the first "Decoration Day," to lay flowers on the graves of the soldier dead, he did not realize how this simple day would catch the imagination of people everywhere. Now it is a time for remembering national heroes of peace and war, a time to honor the beloved dead. This day comes to be a time for looking back that

Scripture References

- M., May 24. Abraham, God's Chosen One. Gen. 12:1-9.
T., May 25. Moses, the Deliverer. Ex. 3:7-14.
W., May 26. Lydia, Europe's First Convert. Acts 16:14, 15.
T., May 27. Stephen, the Martyr. Acts 7:51-60.
F., May 28. Philip, the Evangelist. Acts 8:5-8, Acts 17:16-32.
Sun., May 30. Topic—Pioneers of Our Faith. Heb. 11:8-16, 24-26, 32-40.
S., May 29. Paul, the Missionary. (Memorial Sunday)

Pioneers of Our Faith

First Topic in a Series on "We Remember"

Hebrews 11:8-16, 24-26, 32-40

(MEMORIAL SUNDAY)

we may receive strength and inspiration from those who have accomplished much and have given much. Borrowing inspiration from other great lives, we then resolve that we too will live largely and will serve sacrificially for the good of all. "We remember" in this unit not only the most frequently mentioned of "saints who from their labor rest," but many who in the Early Church were greatly devoted to a faith which might have seemed in those days experimental and wildly visionary. As good deeds accumulate down through the centuries, it becomes more natural and less daring for us to seek the best fruits in life.

The Early Church

Our topic today encompasses a great expanse of time and place. We have drawn the Scripture lesson for today from a great chapter on faith. This chapter might be called a background for this entire series of topics on "We Remember." Note carefully those heroes of the faith. In the Church throughout all ages we remember gratefully all who have been called out of their own self-centered interests to give personal witness to great, life-changing faith. In the Early Church, such tributes took men back to Abraham and Moses, and a score of others, where the roots of Christianity were planted in service to the Father God who loved and guided the faithful. From this period we have received the foundations for our present Church. Among the all-time "greats" we look back upon Polycarp (69-156 A.D.), pupil of the Apostle John. Under the Emperor's persecution he was arrested. Offered freedom if he would curse Christ, he said, "Eighty and six years have I served Christ and He has done me nothing but good; how then could I curse Him, my Lord and Saviour?" He was burned alive. Contemporary with him was Ignatius (67-110 A.D.). He begged for the honor of dying for his Lord, saying "—only let me attain Christ." With them were Papias (70-155 A.D.), Justin Martyr, the philosopher, Irenaeus (130-200 A.D.), and Origen (185-254 A.D.), the most learned man of the ancient Church. Many, many other martyrs and heroes of that day remain forgotten and unsung, save by the Lord Himself.

The Advancing Church

Hurrying rapidly past Chrysostom, Jerome, Augustine and others who moulded the growing Church, we come to the second millenium of its life. Here the great leaders of the Reformation present themselves together with those who made it possible. Waldo, a rich merchant of Lyons, France, founder of the leading Protestant body of Italy, laid many foundation stones for the reformation in the 12th Century. Wyclif, "The morning star of the Reformation," in the 14th Century, translated the Bible into English, paving the way for the great movement there. Martin Luther, "Founder of Protestant Civilization," together with Calvin and Knox were in the 16th Century the leaders in the Protestant Revolution that freed Western Europe from bondage to the Papacy. Roger Williams, a 17th Century Episcopal clergyman, who

A SEED THOUGHT

"Let Caesar's dues be ever paid
To Caesar, and his throne;
But conscience and the soul were
made
To me the Lord's alone."

—Watts

founded the colony of Rhode Island and affiliated then with the Baptists, had a great passion for the absolute separation of Church and State. This leadership loosened forces that are with us still today, deferring this precious heritage. John Wesley, the 18th Century, when the Church had fallen again into a lifeless formalism, preached the doctrine of the witness of the Spirit and of a holy life. He changed the whole moral tone of England, saving it from a French Revolution, and raised the level of Christian living across the world. Let us weigh the mighty contributions of all these leaders who lived and died for Christ and the Church.

The last two centuries have marked a rise to power and prominence of many of the great denominations. Study should be made of their leaders and influence. Especially of one's own denomination should knowledge be gained. The great names therein may well be some of our personal heroes. Of particular importance is to call in stories and pictures the history of our own local churches. Become familiar with this background and its pioneers. Add your name to this glowing record by your deeds. For what will you be remembered?

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT

1. What does Memorial Day mean to you? (Or Remembrance Day in Canada, later in the year.)
2. Who should be included in our remembrance on such a "day of memory?"
3. What were the contributions of the Early Church fathers to Christianity?
4. Suppose there had been no Protestant Reformation, what would the Church be like today?
5. If you had lived in Martin Luther's day, would you have joined his forces, or stayed with the established Church? Why?
6. What did Wyclif's work do for the Reformation, and for us today?
7. Who founded your denomination? When and where?
8. What are its chief doctrines?
9. Name some of the pioneer leaders of your local church. What have been some of its great milestones?
10. Why should we "remember" all these things?
11. What is to be our part in the history of our church and Christianity?

Keep Sunday The Lord's Day

Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:4-11



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or ride on this summer afternoon.

Is there some one whom you could help to get to church today?

Sunday Experiences

An interesting feature of this meeting may be a number of short talks on *Sunday Experiences Which Have Enriched My Life*. Some older member of the church may tell you about *The Best Things I Remember from Sundays in My Childhood Home*. Others may speak on such topics as:

A Sunday at summer school.

The Sunday I United with the Church.

My Most Inspiring Sunday.

Out-of-Door Experiences on Sunday.

People Whom I Have Helped on Sunday.

People Who Have Helped Me on Sunday.

Helping Children Enjoy Sunday.

An Ideal Home Sunday.

Good Sunday Reading.

Inspiring Sunday Music.

These are suggestive. If a half dozen come prepared, perhaps others will share their experiences informally. Plan to have the leader, or some other person, appointed in advance to take the closing five or seven minutes, summing up the best ideas of the evening.

Bible Thoughts for Talk

God Gave the Sabbath: Genesis 2:2, 3.

Observe the Sabbath: Exodus 20:8-10; Isa. 58:13, 14; Acts 13:44.

Christ's Statement: Mark 2:27, 28.

The Lord's Day: John 20:19.

The Lord's Day Observed by Disciples:

Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 16:2.

The Spirit: Revelation 1:10.

Know What You Will Do

All Christian young people should set some rules for themselves concerning the details of Sabbath observance. For example, one fine leader decided before she was a high school freshman that she would never study her lessons on Sunday. She strictly kept that law through high school and college. She also kept good fellowship and confidence with other young people. For our Christian character building we need to set some rules and standards for our behavior.

Scripture Lessons

M., May 24. The Sabbath Commandment. Exodus 20:8-11.

T., May 25. A Shadow of Better Things. Col. 2:16, 17.

W., May 26. The First Lord's Day. John 20:19-22.

T., May 27. A Collection on the Lord's Day. I Cor. 16:1, 2.

F., May 28. Paul Preaches on the Lord's Day. Acts 20:7.

S., May 29. A Vision on the Lord's Day. Rev. 1:9-18.

Sun., May 30. Topic—Keep Sunday the Lord's Day. Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:4-11.

Our Aim

To understand the need for and meaning of Sunday.

To consider how to spend Sunday fitably.

To preserve the spirit of the Lord's Day in a world increasingly ignoring it.

the Leader

The observance of Sunday is one of the subjects discussed among all of us. We hear our elders complain because the Lord's Day is not kept sacred as it once was. Young people cannot understand why Sunday should be any different from any other day. And when we look about us, we find that generally it is no different, except that most business places are closed.

Why have Sunday, anyway? There must be some good reason for it. There is, and we want to discover it in this meeting.

Lord's Day

Throughout history men have been living apart certain days for certain reasons. In America, Lincoln has a day, Washington has one; we have a day of Thanksgiving and one for Independence. Is it strange that God should have a day also? It is not strange that that day should commemorate the triumph of Christ over the grave; for He has "entered into His

et us mark it carefully that this day is ours; it is God's. We have no right to it for ourselves, for our own pleasure. We have days for our work, and times for recreations; let us give God His day. We ought to remember that the Lord's Day is God's gift to man; that it was given, for the benefit of God, but for the benefit of ourselves. It meets human need. This is the commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day," is like every other of the Ten Commandments in that not one of them is for God's benefit; all are for ours.

the Lord's Day

The New Testament post-resurrection church had two days. There was the Sabbath Day, Saturday, the traditional day that came up out of Judaism, to which was added the first day of the week, or the Lord's Day, the day of Resurrection. In time they have merged into the first day observance, but not without considerable change. We need the day, or at least the evening, of preparation.

The Christian Sabbath is a day of new beginnings. Its Easter origin is a weekly reminder of God's gift of new life, new opportunities. The blessedness of the day is not to those who cannot face the Lord of the Sabbath with the realization of their individual standing.

How Can We Use Sunday Wisely?

Why not have a panel discussion? Select a few teen-agers and three parents of teenagers representing as many families as possible. The question *What Shall We Do on Our Sundays?* might be discussed.

In answer here are some suggestions:

1. First of all, *reserve Sunday for public worship*. Whatever other things there are to do, God must come first. To be in church on Sunday is the most important way to use the day.
2. *Make it a day of service in God's behalf*. There are calls we can make, deeds we can do, service we can render better on Sunday than any other day.
3. *Make it a day of rest also*. Regular attendance at the services of the church and acts of Christian service need not keep us from relaxing and resting. Sunday should help us prepare for the week ahead.
4. *Make Sunday a family day*. Family life is being interrupted because of many different activities. Attend church, go walking, visit friends, play in the home—as a family unit.
5. *Enjoy yourself happily!* Sunday is not a day for a long face and overly-pious look. Christians have good times. Just remember to make your enjoyment or pleasure something that will not infringe upon the rights of others to do the same.

Tests of How We Use Sunday

Is our way Christian? What makes our use of the Sunday which has been given to us Christian? What is the test you would give to one who has a sincere desire to make the best use of this day? Discuss the following. Decide which are safe guides and tests.

- (a) Your Conscience.
- (b) Complying with the customs of the community.
- (c) One's feeling on Monday morning.
- (d) One's influence.
- (e) The contribution which your use of Sunday makes to the happiness of others.
- (f) Having a good time.
- (g) Getting rested.
- (h) Spiritual strength and renewal which come.
- (i) Some other test you think of.

Something to Do

What will your Christian Endeavor society plan for this summer to help young people to make a Christian use of summer Sundays? Some claim that it is more difficult to be Christian in the summer than at other seasons. Is this true? Why? Does your society have anything to contribute?

Perhaps you can plan some afternoon service at the home of an aged or sick or lonely member of your church, or in some institution near by. Small groups may go to three or four or more places, and then all come together for a friendship hour in the church to share their experiences. This may be "Calling Afternoon" for your young people, with teams visiting different homes to invite young people to your summer programs. You may make plans to call on young people who have no part in the church, or to invite some who are lonely to your homes, or to join you in some walk

Matched With This Hour

by Amy Deck Faust

Recently a number of interesting letters came into a local audio-visual office. One letter was from an anonymous writer who took the letter as a chance to air personal prejudice against television. Unfortunately, the writer also tried to make the personal prejudice a standard of Christian principle, writing, "I don't see how a Christian can own or ever look at a television set."

The author of the next letter was a person who had no complaint to make of television, "because I do not own a set, don't want to, and haven't even an interest to listen to radio, except for an occasional 'high-type' music program." Unfortunately this person was one of the laymen entrusted by his denomination with responsibilities in the forming of broadcasting policy. Such people are to be found, not only in church circles, but in school, business, and government, as well.

What Can Be Done

The other two letters were from housewives. One was a busy mother, wife of a minister in a midwestern state. Although she had more than enough to do, she found that the local television station would take a program for pre-school children if some one would prepare it. She stayed up later, and worked longer to write and produce something in the realm of religious education for small children and their mothers. The other housewife had no writing ability, she thought, but she viewed programs, wrote out her best praise of the religious educational programs that she saw and made the suggestions for improvement which seemed most logical to her. These comments she took to the church group sponsoring the program. Although she could not write or originate a religious program, she felt that she could do two things; she could give some financial support, and she could give

the support of her best listening and viewing analysis.

These letters express several viewpoints. Television, like radio, films, and printing presses, prove to be but tools. The programs are the products of those who make and use the tools. The programs will be as good, or as evil, or as indifferent, as those who originate, and those who view prove to be.

Ignoring Possibilities

The person who rails against television is beating the ocean flood-tide with a broomstick. The person who ignores the possibilities "because I do not like it," or "am too busy," is unmindful of the power of the medium on others. It would do no good to ignore a mosquito because your yard is clean, if a malarial swamp is next door. To ignore the medias of communication, is next to allowing them to fall into abusive hands.

The alert and responsible citizen will do as the two housewives; recognize the good and evil potential and work to make the medium a channel for that which is good. This can be done in several ways. Church groups and individuals capable of preparing programs and scripts are invited to submit scripts, properties, suggestions, and talents. Those unable to do this can know the program schedule, view, evaluate, and support. Support must take the form of financial aid, just as is done in any missionary or educational work. But it must also be accompanied by the support of consistent viewing, evaluation, and promotion of the best.

The Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches, 220 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., will furnish educational books, trained leaders, and programs. As the representative Protestant body in this area, help can be obtained from them. Similar assistance in the educational problems is available from the various broadcasting committees of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council, 79 E. Adams St., Chicago 3, Ill.

Evaluating Programs

Those who would like assistance in learning to view and evaluate broadcast programs should write to the American Council for Better Broadcasts, 4339 Winnequah Pl., Madison, Wis. This organization is prepared to furnish instruction on how to view and evaluate programs, and how to keep listening charts that make a study possible.

At the present time the new opportunities in television are the greatest of any time in the history of broadcasting. The opening of many new stations, and particularly the opening of educational stations, promises "the large places of the future." Long ago, an old military leader told the Israelites that they had "compassed this mountain long enough." He told them to go into the new opportunities. By our financial

and program support the church can rise to the challenge of this thrilling hour. Instruction and help in this work write the National Citizens Committee for Educational Television, Ring Bldg., Washington 6, D. C. The church, like the school, must match this hour.

CELEBRATION

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were interviewed on Station WPTV, Harrisburg (Pennsylvania) February 4.

Charles S. Drain, Jr., former Pennsylvania Union president, spoke at the anniversary banquet of Camden Court (New Jersey) in Westminster Presbyterian Church. Rev. Melvin M. Forness, executive secretary, Lord's Day Alliance, addressed the banquet of Hunterdon County Union in First Presbyterian Church, Flemington, New Jersey. Ar. J. McQuilkin spoke at rally of Passaic County Union in First Reformed Church, Clifton, New Jersey.

Rev. Albert Mansen, pastor-counselor of Fond du Lac District Union, spoke over the radio program of the district over Station WBEV, Beaver Dam (Wisconsin) February 7. A choir directed by Hilda Boersma sang. Donna C. G. wen, district president, served as a nouncer. Mabel Preston, vice-president of Wisconsin Union, spoke at Sheboygan District rally.

Rev. T. J. Yoder of Bowling Green, Ohio, spoke at the fourth annual Christian Endeavor rally of the Auglaize Conference Area of United Brethren February 7 in Bluffton, Indiana, with more than 250 present.

Dr. Elmer Becker, president of Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, spoke at Barry County (Michigan) anniversary banquet February 1.

ALL IN FUN

An Iowa girl en route to visit her friends in New York, entered the city by the Hudson Tunnel, then took the subway to their address.

When asked what she thought of the city, the girl replied, "I couldn't say. I had only a worm's eye view."

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tural, the writer, the business manager, architect, engineer, builder, printer, bookkeeper, and stenographer.

For further personal or group study regarding this subject, consult some of the many good books on the subject of Religious Vocations. Don't stop your investigation here.

It Worth It?

Even though the job is well done, one may ask if it is worth the sacrifices, long years of study, heavy responsibilities, ceaseless activity, undesirable climate, etc. Then, too, the results are often apparently small. Look at this question through the eyes of Christ.

The path of the missionary is heavily laden with obstacles, but alongside each one there is satisfaction. The greater the obstacle, the greater the satisfaction. His work may be the hardest, but also the happiest. No satisfaction can compare with the fulfillment of God's Word where He seeks the nothing of the naked, the caring for the sick, the saving of the lost. The missionary meets these needs, answers them, and receives the blessing Christ promises. The missionary preaches Christ by the touch of the hand, by smiles, patient care, and by gentle words and ways.

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5. Be a missionary by talking to people about being a Christian.

You talk about sweethearts, ambitions, school, clubs, books, movies. Why not talk to others about that which will make their present life full and their everlasting life secure?

Conclusion

Being a missionary through character, time, school, church, and personal work can be quite an adventure and it will make it worth while. It may be that you are called to full-time Christian work as a home Missionary. Be sure before choosing anything else, that God is not calling you to this work.

The call of Christ rings out today. The need of humanity cries out today. Will you make reply?

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It Worth It?

If it is worth while to see men and women redeemed from lives lost in sin, to see them restored in God's love, it is worth the cost. If there is satisfaction in seeing lives changed, character grow, leadership develop, it is worth it. If it seems important that sinners be restored to happiness and Christian love through the knowledge of Christ, it is worth it. If there seems to be any hope at a sick world can be won for Christ, and men and brothers in Him, it is worth it. It is worth while to do the will of God, to have unequalled fellowship with Christ, to feel that life has a dynamic purpose, when any cost involved in the glorious Christian ministry is wonderfully worth while.

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Eph. 6:1-8.

May 9. In A Christian Family We Worship Together.

Deut. 6:4-9.

May 16. Working With Spanish Speaking Americans — In Neighborhood Houses.

Matt. 24:34-45.

May 23. Working With Spanish Speaking Americans — Among The Migrants.

Gen. 47:1-7.

May 30. Working With Spanish Speaking Americans — In Mission Stations.

Isa. 58:6-8.

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Make This a "Crowning Meeting"

We need to stress the importance of the covenant in Christian Endeavor. Recall that this was a chief concern of Dr. Francis E. Clark's—"Hold fast to the Pledge." Christian Endeavor should be associated in the minds of young people with the pledge and covenant relationship with God. The monthly consecration service should be "a crowning meeting," says Warren G. Hoopes, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union. Our dedication to Christ adds a "plus" value in our lives—"being what Christ would have me be that I might do what He would have me do." Let us give youth an opportunity to make this commitment in our pledge. Once every so often let us have a "crowning meeting," carefully planned and different from the rest of our meetings.

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Churches Must Study Spanish Ministry

A challenging picture of 5,000,000 Spanish-speaking Americans often excluded from the ordinary rights and benefits of citizenship and even Christian fellowship was presented to a national gathering of home missionaries at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., recently.

Of equal urgency was the plight of two and a half million migratory farm workers and their families, both Spanish and English-speaking, homeless, exploited and except where home missions programs touch their lives, without spiritual nourishment.

A third concern is the nearly unsolvable problem of the Mexican "wetbacks" who illegally sweep across the border at the rate of a million a year to find work on U.S. farms.

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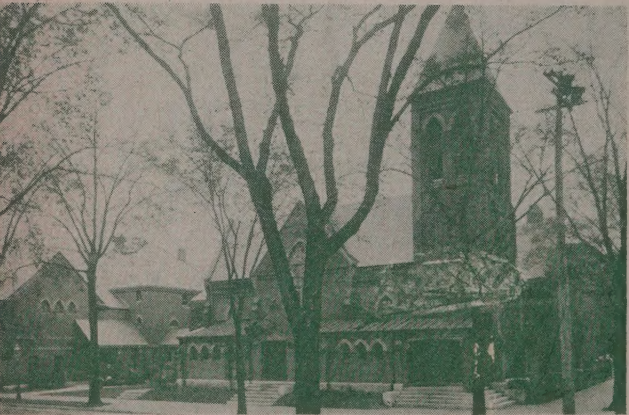
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